

Violence Against Women (VAWA or VW) Eligibility Information

Eligible Programs

Programs may include, but are not limited to, state offices and agencies, public or private nonprofit agencies, units of local government, nonprofit and nongovernmental victim services programs. A local unit of government is defined as a city, county, town, township, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state and includes Indian tribes, which perform law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Program Match Requirements

Governmental programs are required to provide 33.333% (0.33333) match from non-federal sources based on the VW award amount. Non-profit, nongovernmental victim services programs are not required to make match.

VW programs must maintain records that clearly show the source, the amount, and the period during which the match was allocated. The basis for determining the value of personal services, materials, equipment, and space must be documented. Volunteer services must also be documented.

Contract Period

Contracts will be issued annually for the contract period. Each contract is for a 12-month period beginning July 1 and ending June 30. Each funded program must be in compliance with state and federal rules and in good standing with the Victim Services Support Program (VSS) requirements and procedures to receive funding and continued funding.

Programs will not be allowed to carry over or extend prior awards into the next fiscal year. Any prior award amounts remaining un-obligated as of June 30 will revert to the VSS Program. The VSS Administrator can make exceptions to this as needed.

Programs are funded on a reimbursement basis and are subject to the availability of federal funds. All funded programs must complete either monthly or quarterly claim vouchers requesting reimbursement, and program performance reports. Programs will be required to receive reimbursement via electronic funds transfer (EFT).

Non-Supplanting Requirements

VW funds received must be used to supplement, not supplant funding that would otherwise be available for expenditure on activities described in this strategy. Monies disbursed under this funding must be used to fund new programs, or expand or enhance existing programs. VW funds cannot be used to supplant or replace existing funds already allocated to funding programs. Funds may not be used to replace state or local funds (or, where applicable, funds provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs) that would, in the absence of Federal aid, be available or forthcoming for programs to combat violence against women. Please see most recent Office of Justice Programs Financial Guide located at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/> and the Financial Grant Management Guide provided by the Federal Office on Violence Against Women located at <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/OVW-FGMG-Version-2-7-12-conf-cost-updates-revised-2.pdf> for more information.

Meeting eligibility requirements does not guarantee your agency will be awarded funds. For more information about the award process please contact Victim Services Support Program (VSS) Administrator Donna Phillips at 1-800-373-5044.

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